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SUBJ: CUBANS AUTHORIZE US SPORT FISHING

REF: HAVANA 1862 AND PREVIOUS

1. USINT, JULY 5, RECEIVED NOTE NUMBER 1211 DATED JULY 4, 1978  
FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZING BILLFISH SPORT-  
FISHING IN CUBAN WATERS BY THREE US BOATS AND TEN PERSONS SPE-  
CIFIED IN LIST SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT TO CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION,

WASHINGTON, ON MARCH 9, 1978. NOTE ALSO ANNOUNCES THAT NEW  
(COMMENT: POSSIBLY LIBERALIZED) REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN SPORT-  
FISHING IN CUBAN WATERS WILL BE ISSUED SOON.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN  
QUOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BILLFISH SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS FOR  
WATERS OF CUBAN ECONOMIC ZONE, CONTAINED IN NOTE 1217 OF SEPTEMBER  
5, 1977 (SEE 77 HAVANA 95 - WHICH INDICATES, INTER ALIA, THAT  
FISHING SEASON EXTENDS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30), THE MINISTRY  
OF FISHING INDUSTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA AUTHORIZES  
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THE ISSUANCE OF SPORTFISHING LICENSE FOR THOSE WHOSE  
APPLICATIONS WERE PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON MARCH 9, 1978 TO THE EMBASSY  
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CUBA INTERESTS SECTION. THE REFERENCED  
LIST CONTAINS A TOTAL OF THREE BOATS AND TEN PERSONS WHO  
SHOULD PRESENT LICENSE APPLICATION FORMS AND SHOULD PAY FEES  
FOR FISHING RIGHTS FOR EACH BOAT TO THE EMBASSY OF REPUBLIC

OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CUBA INTERESTS SECTION. IN ACCORDANCEN  
WITH POINT 16 OF NOTE 1217, THE ENTRANCE OF THE BOATS AND  
PERSONS MENTIONED WILL BE PERMITTED, ON A SPECIAL BASIS,  
TO THE FOLLOWING CUBAN PORTS, AFTER COORDINATION WITH THE  
CUBAN TOURISM ENTERPRISE CUBATUR, WHICH OPERATES THESE PORTS:

--BARLOVENTO, PROVINCE OF CITY OF HAVANA

--INNER HARBOR OF VARADERO, PROVINCE OF MATANZAS.

AT SAME TIME, MINISTRY OF FISHING INDUSTRY WISHES TO INFORM  
YOU THAT SOON THE TEXT OF A NEW REGULATION WILL GOVERN  
SPORT FISHING BY FOREIGN CITIZENS IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF  
REPUBLIC OF CUBA WILL BE SUPPLIED. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: APPROVAL OF SPORTFISHING PERMITS AFTER LONG  
DELAY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, GRANTING OF PERMISSION FOR PORT  
VISITS TO VARADERO AND BARLOVENTO INDICATE THAT CUMBERSOME  
CUBAN SECURITY BUREAUCRACY MAY NOW BE PREPARED, IN CONTEXT  
OF PROMISED NEW REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW MORE REGULARIZED  
ACCESS BY US YACHTSMEN AND FISHERMEN TO SELECTED POINTS ON  
CUBAN COAST - A POSSIBILITY MENTIONED TO US DURING US-  
CUBAN SHARK FISHERY TALKS IN MARCH (SEE HAVANA 803). UNDER  
PREVIOUS CUBAN REGULATIONS (NOTE 1217 MENTIONED ABOVE -- SEE  
77 HAVANA 95), PORT VISITS WERE GENERALLY BANNED. BUT WE  
NOTICE THAT, IN CURRENT NOTE, CUBANS DO NOT SPELL OUT  
CUBATUR PRIOR NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PORT VISITS. FROM  
POINT OF VIEW OF US RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN, MINIMAL OR NO  
ADVANCE NOTICE AND POSSIBILITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH  
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CUBATUR AFTER ARRIVAL IN SELECTED PORTS WOULD BE PREFERRED  
ARRANGEMENT. WE PRESUME, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH CURRENT AND NEW  
ARRANGEMENTS WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE NOTICE TO  
CUBAN BORDER GUARDS AS WELL AS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH  
CUBATUR BEFORE ARRIVAL AT PORT. (FYI UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS-  
NONE 1217 - SEE 77 HAVANA 95 - AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED SPORTS  
FISHING BOATS MUST NOTIFY CUBAN BORDER GUARDS 72 HOURS IN  
ADVANCE OF ENTRY INTO CUBAN WATERS SPECIFYING EXACT GEORGRA-PHIC  
POINT OF SNTRY. THIS STILL EXTANT REQUIREMENT WILL NOW  
PRESUMABLY BE SUPPLEMENTED BY CUBATUR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION  
AND PRIOR ARRANGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO PORT.  
END FYI.)  
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